

**REMARKS**

**Formalities**

With this Amendment, Applicants cancel claims 1-3 and add new claims 7-9. Therefore, claims 4-9 are all the claims currently pending in the Application.

With the current Office Action, the Examiner returns a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-Form 1449 submitted with Applicants' IDS of September 3, 2003. The Examiner also acknowledges Applicants' claim to foreign priority and the receipt of the certified copy of the priority document.

**Specification**

The disclosure is objected to due to informalities.

Applicants note that the second correction that the Examiner suggests: "Paragraph 50, line 13, '101E' must be replaced with '100E'" is not an error in Applicants' originally-filed specification, but rather an error in the publication of the Application.

Regarding the other informalities, Applicants amend the specification as shown. Applicants note that paragraph 11 of the publication corresponds to the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 5 of the specification and that paragraph 50 of the publication corresponds to the paragraph beginning at page 23, line 6 of the specification.

Applicants respectfully request that the objections to the specification be reconsidered and withdrawn.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

In the current Office Action, the Examiner indicates that claims 4-6 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

With this Amendment, Applicants amend claim 4 (from which claims 5 and 6 depend) into independent form including all of the limitations of the claims from which it previously depended.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the allowance of claims 4-6.

**New Claims**

With this Amendment, Applicants add new claims 7-9, in order more fully to cover various aspects of Applicants' invention as disclosed in the specification. Applicants submit that these claims are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 4. Applicants respectfully request the entry and allowance of claims 7-9.

**Conclusion**

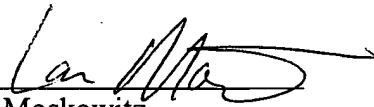
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**  
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